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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

I. Introductory Remarks

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed September 2, 2008 and accompanies a request for continued examination (RCE).

A petition requesting a two-month extension of time and fees associated therewith are being filed concurrently with this paper. No additional fees, other than those included herewith for the RCE, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any additional fees are necessary—including additional extension of time fees—the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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